I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage, as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on 12 January 2007 (Typed or Printed Name of Person Transmitting Paper or Fee) E (Signature of Person Mailing Paper PATENT APPLICATION JAN 1 8 2007 Attorney Docket No. 06816.0504 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF ) Examiner: Rossoshek, Yelena James Herbert Kukula ) Group Art Unit: 2825 Serial No. 10/643,050 Filing Date: 18 August 2003 Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SOLVING CONSTRAINTS AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER Mail Stop: Amendment **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: In connection with the above-referenced U. S. patent application, transmitted herewith are the following papers: Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to official action mailed 15 September 2006. [x]A petition for extension of time is also enclosed with a fee of \$120.00 for a one-[x]month extension. Terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F. R. § 1.321(c), including [][] check for \$130.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), and [] 2 certificates under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b). Information disclosure statement, form 1449 and \_\_\_ references.

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